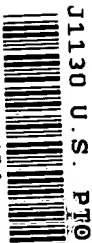


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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(New Nonprovisional Applications Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b))

Attorney Docket No.

49658-0512

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is the patent application of () application identifier or (X) first named inventor, Peter SAUERBREI,
entitled SPACING OBJECTS WITHIN A CONSTRAINT for a(n):

() Original Patent Application.

(X) Continuing Application (prior application not abandoned):

- (X) Continuation () Divisional () Continuation-in-part (CIP)
of prior application No: 09/240,070 Filed on: January 29, 1999, which claims the
benefit of prior provisional application No: 60/085,436 Filed on: May 14, 1998.
(X) A statement claiming priority under 35 USC § 120 has been added to the specification.

Enclosed are:

- (X) Specification: 45 Total Pages. (X) Drawing(s): 15 Total Sheets.
(X) Oath or Declaration:
() A Newly Executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:
() Signed. () Unsigned. () Partially Signed.
(X) A Copy from a Prior Application for Continuation/Divisional (37 CFR § 1.63(d)).
(X) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the
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application and is hereby incorporated herein by reference in its entirety for all purposes.
() Signed Statement Deleting Inventor(s) Named in the Prior Application. (37 CFR § 163(d)(2)).
() Revocation and Appointment of New Power of Attorney, which is copied from the prior application for
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() Applicant(s) is entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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(X) Other: Fee Transmittal (in duplicate); 5 cited references

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113	1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	
116	390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,210	241	605	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,210	242	605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	430	243	215	Design issue fee	
144	580	244	290	Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126	240	126	240	Submission of information Disclosure Stmt	
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146	690	246	345	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
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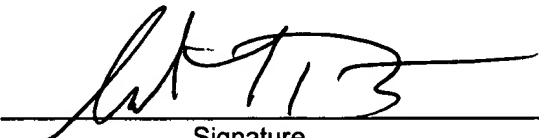
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	Title	SPACING OBJECTS WITHIN A CONSTRAINT
	Atty. Docket Number	49658-0512

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

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